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TEN CENTS A WEEK

RUSSIAN ENVOYS SAIL FOR AMERICA

Passengers On the Kaiser
Wilhelm der Grosse.

ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH

Many Days the Conference that
will Determine Whether There is
to be Peace Between Russia and
Japan Will Meet.

July 27.—M. Witte, Professor
of Economics and a number of officials
of the Russian peace plenipotentiary
party left the St. Lazare
station at 9:20 this morning
for Cherbourg, where they will sail
for New York on the North German
ocean line steamer Kaiser Wilhelm
der Grosse this evening.

Many officials and diplomatists gath-
ered at the depot including Ambassa-
dors Nelidoff and Cassini and M. Rout-



M. WITTE.

the Russian financial agent, M.
Witte, remained on the platform smok-
ing a cigarette and chatting with the
reporters until the train pulled out,
when he raised his hat and bowed
farewell salutations to the crowd.
M. LaFite, the prefect of police, re-
mained beside M. Witte until his de-
parture. Madame Witte and her
daughter accompany M. Witte to Cher-
bourg. Thence they will go to Brus-
sels and remain there during the con-
ference. The Kaiser Wilhelm der
Grosse is crowded with homeward
bound Americans and there are many
American and European journalists on
board.

TO EXTEND OUR COMMERCE.

The "American Floating Exposition"
Will Sail Around the World.

New York, July 27.—Plans have
been completed for an effort by an ex-
hibiting company of this city to extend
American commerce to foreign coun-
tries. A floating exposition will be
designed and sent on a tour of the
world. The "American Floating Ex-
position" as it will be called, will start
from New York in January, 1906. It
will carry a limited number of sam-
ples of various merchandise of Amer-
ican manufacture, the samples to be
displayed at each of the ports where
it will be made. Space will be
given to exhibitors and salesmen
on the ship.

The trip will require 15 months and
cover 60,000 miles will be covered. It
will include Europe, Asia, Australia,
South America and ports in Central
America and the West Indies. The
steamer will carry a surgeon and com-
petent interpreters of German, French
and Spanish.

Two Swimmers Are Drowned.

Anniston, Ala., July 27.—The little
city of Oxford was thrown into gloom
on receipt of the news from a camp-
ing party at Whitesides mill, near
Shoccolecco, that two members of the
party, Walker Wakefield and James
W. Wright, had been drowned while
swimming this afternoon. It
was thought that one of the young men
was attacked with cramps, and in an
effort to save the other, both were
drowned. Both of the young men

REFORMATORY BILL INTRODUCED

Solons Would Care for Youthful Crimi-
nals—Other Legislative News.

Atlanta, July 27.—The Feider re-
formatory bill, under which it is pro-
posed to establish a state reformatory
for youthful criminals, occupied the
attention of the house Tuesday, and
was debated at some length, but owing
to the fact that the hour of adjournment
was near at hand, and action on the
bill at the day's session would be im-
possible, the house adjourned and the
measure will come up today as unfin-
ished business.

The sentiment of the house is gen-
erally favorable to this measure, as
was shown by the debate and the ques-
tions asked of the speakers. There
appears to be little doubt about the
passage of the measure, and in pretty
much the same shape as was reported
by the committee.

The proposed new county of "Mil-
ledge," to be formed from parts of
Emanuel, Johnson, Montgomery and
Laurens counties, was given a hearing
Tuesday afternoon before the house and
senate committees on new counties. It
is proposed to make Adrian, now in
Emanuel, the county seat of the new
county.

In the Senate.

At the thirty minutes' session of
the senate little business was trans-
acted.

The house has not transmitted to
the senate a single general bill of im-
portance, consequently the sessions
of the latter body are short.

Upon the report of the general ju-
diciary committee yesterday the two
bills introduced by Senator Mills sev-
eral days ago, one affecting insurance
companies, providing that the cash val-
ue of life insurance policies be taxed,
and another providing for garnishment
of wages, were both killed by the sen-
ate.

The report of the committee upon
both bills was adverse to their pass-
age.

RELIEVED SHERIFF OF PRISONER

Negro Taken from Officer by Mob and
Lynched.

Glendora, Miss., July 27.—A mob of
50 men took Willie Harris, a negro,
from a Yazoo and Mississippi Valley
train at Black Bayou and hanged him
to a tree about a quarter of a mile
from the railroad.

Harris and his brother Henry shot
and seriously wounded two white men,
Barksdale and Allen, respectively, on
the James plantation, near Sharkey,
July 19. A posse pursued the ne-
groes, and in attempting to arrest
them shot and killed Henry Harris.

The other brother escaped, but was
arrested last night at Heathman. This
morning the prisoner was taken to
Greenwood and later placed aboard a
train and was being conveyed to a
point on Tallahatchie county, where
he was to be turned over to the sher-
iff, when the mob boarded the train
and secured him.

Little difficulty was experienced in
taking the negro from his custodian,
and Harris was quickly conveyed to
a prearranged spot and lynched.

Riksdag Held Secret Session.

Stockholm, Sweden, July 27.—Both
houses of the Riksdag have held se-
cret sessions to discuss the report
presented yesterday of the special
committee appointed by the riksdag
to deal with the crisis between Nor-
way and Sweden. It is understood
that the report was approved in prin-
ciple. Some regret is expressed at
the resignation of the Swedish govern-
ment before the riksdag has acted on
the committee's report as it is feared
it may impede the progress toward a
solution of the difficulties between
Sweden and Norway.

President Alexander Resigns.

New York, July 27.—At a two hours'
session of the directors of the Equi-
table Life Assurance society today
the resignation of former President
James W. Alexander and Nevada N.
Stranahan, as directors were accepted.
Paul Morton was elected president of
the society, retaining it. It is said,
the chairmanship as well. A special
meeting of the directors will be held
tomorrow, at which additional direc-
tors will be elected and the society will

NEW CROP REPORT —HAS BEEN ISSUED

Shows A Decrease In Acreage
Of Fourteen Per Cent.

PRICE OF COTTON GOES UPWARD

The Government Report Previously Is-
sued Showed a Decrease of Only
11.4 Per Cent—Much Excitement
Shown on Exchanges.

Washington, July 27.—Assistant Sec-
retary Hayes today made public the
following report to Secretary Wilson
on the acreage of cotton in the south-
ern states in 1905, compared with that
planted in 1904:

"The crop estimating board of the
department of agriculture has consid-
ered the report issued by the bureau
of statistics on June 2, relative to
the acreage planted in cotton in the
southern states in 1905, as compared
with that planted in 1904, and has con-
cluded:

"First, that a new estimate should
be made on acreage planted, and that
the figures in Mr. Hyde's hands when
making his estimate should be used as
the basis.

"Second, That Mr. Hyde with Mr.
Holmes at his elbow prompting him,
made the estimate lower than the
facts at his hand from the reports
from the seven classes of reporters
employed by the bureau warranted.

"Third, That the board find, upon
careful consideration of the reports of
all classes of correspondents and the
agents that the acreage planted in cot-
ton this year including the entire sea-
son, should have been estimated at
85.1 per cent of that planted last
year, equivalent to a reduction in
planted acreage as compared with the
last year of 14.9 per cent (instead of
11.4 per cent) or 4,731,000 acres—the
estimate of the total acreage planted
this year being 26,992,000 acres.

"The above estimated percentage of
the decrease in each of the cotton-
growing states is as follows:

"Virginia, 18; North Carolina, 16;
South Carolina, 14; Georgia, 14; Flori-
da, 12; Alabama, 11; Mississippi, 16;
Louisiana, 17; Texas, 16; Arkansas,
19; Tennessee, 13; Missouri, 15; Ok-
lahoma, 15; Indian Territory, 11.

"The averages were made for each
state by each of the four members of
the board and the comparatively small
disagreements were harmonized almost
wholly by averaging, and the above
results are fully agreed to by each
and every member of the board. Res-
pectfully submitted, Victor Oimstead,
Stephen D. Fessenden, George K.
Holmes, W. W. Long, crop estimating
board.

"The above findings and report
made under my supervision have my
entire approval. W. M. Hayes, as-
sistant secretary in charge bureau of
statistics. Approved: James W. Wil-
son, secretary of agriculture."

New Orleans Market.

New Orleans, July 27.—The day was
one of unusual excitement in the cot-
ton market owing to the fact that the
revised government acreage report
was made at 11 o'clock. This showed
the reduction of acreage to be 14.9
per cent compared with the previous
figures given out on June 3, now de-
clared to have been manipulated of
11.4, or a further decrease of 3.5 per
cent. The market was put up about
15 points immediately after the reading
of the report and many bears turned
bull for the trading during the remain-
der of the day. Prices at 11:30 thirty
minutes after the reading of the re-
port, however, were but 2 and 3 points
above yesterday's closing.

New York Exchange.

New York, July 27.—Prices for cot-
ton bounded upward almost instantly
today when the government report of
a decrease of 14.9 in the acreage plant-
ed, as compared with last year, was
received on the exchange. The gains
ranged from 12 to 14 points. October
reaching 31.17. Tremendous selling
was occasioned by large lots inter-

highest to 11.02. The market was ex-
cited and irregular.

JAPANESE SEE THE PRESIDENT

Minister Takahira Visits Sagamore
Hill on Official Business.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 27.—Minister
Kogoro Takahira, of Japan, one of the
Japanese envoys of the forthcoming
peace conference was a guest of the
president a part of today. This was
Minister Takahira's second visit to
Sagamore Hill, within two weeks. His
visit today related to the peace ne-
gotiations. Minister Takahira was met
at the station by one of the president's
carriages sent to convey him to Saga-
more Hill. The minister said that his
mission to the president at this
time concerns the peace negotiations,
but that it would be impossible for
him to discuss the matter for publica-
tion.

Baron Komura, the Japanese peace
envoy, probably will pay an informal
visit to President Roosevelt next Fri-
day. The details of the visit have
not yet been arranged. In the mean-
time the baron is resting at his hotel
occasionally discussing his mission
with the other members of the dele-
gation. He rose earlier than his col-
leagues today and before any of the
others had appeared for breakfast he
went for a long walk.

RATE OF SUGAR REDUCED.

Freight From Pacific Coast Cut From
32c to 10c a Hundred.

San Francisco, Cal., July 27.—The
Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe
companies formally announced a re-
duction in the rate of refined sugar
between this city and the Missouri
river and points in Kansas and Ne-
braska from 50 cents to 25 cents a
hundred pounds, in car load lots. The
cut has been made to meet a cut made
by the lines operating between New
Orleans and the same points men-
tioned above and for the purpose of plac-
ing California refiners on an equal
footing with southern competitors. Re-
cently the lines operating out of New
Orleans, among them the Illinois Cen-
tral, the Frisco and several subsidiary
lines of the Southern Pacific, dissolved
their agreement relative to sugar rates
and entered upon a war that ended a
few days ago in the rate being cut
from 32 cents to 10 cents a hundred
pounds.

As a result of the California re-
finers found themselves seriously hand-
icapped in their business and finally
appealed for relief to the lines run-
ning out of this city with the result
that the cut was made. The reduction,
the railroad officials claim, brings the
eastbound rate down to the lowest
point in the history of western re-
fining.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

Freight Train Jumped the Track—Two
Others Injured.

Atlanta, July 27.—A freight train
wreck on the Central railroad in Oak-
land City, near here, at 11:45 o'clock
this morning, resulted in the death of
three white men and a negro.

The dead are:
John Woodruff, conductor.
Horace McGhee, train hand.
"Uncle" Green, negro fireman.
Fred Woodall, yard master of the
Central, is fatally injured.
Sam Farris, engineer, was terribly
scalded with hot water and steam, but
will recover.

All four of the bodies are under the
wreck.
The train which jumped the track
was made up as a switch engine, to
which were attached a large number
of cars. When just in front of Tucker's
store at Oakland City the engine
jumped the track. It ran for about
100 yards before it stopped, badly de-
molished.

Infecting Convict Camps.

Columbus, Ga., July 27.—A state in-
spector has just paid an official vis-
itation to the camp of the Muscogee
county chain gang. He found the camp
clean and neatly kept, with a regard
for sanitary regulations, and the con-
victs in good physical condition, the
result of the wholesome diet and good
treatment given them. Inspectors
who visit this camp term it one of

THIRTY-SIX VICTIMS OF YELLOW FEVER

This Is the Number of Deaths
To Date In New Orleans.

BUSINESS NOT MUCH AFFECTED

New Detention Camps Are Being Lo-
cated and Every Effort Is Being Used
to Stamp Out Disease—Excitement
at Memphis, Tenn.

New Orleans, July 27.—A total of
thirty-six deaths from yellow fever were
officially reported to the city board of
health today, making 36 in all since
July 13. No reports of new cases
were received. The city board de-
cided to make one daily report to
the state board, in the evening of
cases and deaths.

The reports of cases to date made
to the city board indicate a slow
spread of the fever.

There are now 14 foci, one of them
at Bunkie, in north Louisiana, of an
Italian escapee from the French mar-
ket station. His case was fatal.

There are three foci above Canal
street and one in Algiers. These
cases have all been directly traced to
the French market vicinity and up to
this morning there were no reports of
cases traceable to the outlying inter-
section.

The bulk of the 36 deaths have been
very bad and large families of Ne-
groes have been found crowded in
very small spaces.

In one instance 27 people were found
living in three rooms. The condi-
tions in this neighborhood were
responsible for the rapid develop-
ment of the fever. In every instance a
new focus outside this district.
Health authorities have applied the
methods that were successful in Ha-
ba, and the fact that cases are not
spreading to surrounding houses en-
courage the belief that screening and
destruction of the stegomyia will am-
ply restrict the disease.

In 1878 when there was a small
epidemic here and old methods of
treatment, whole neighborhoods
came almost instantly affected.

There has been no serious effect on
business here due to the fact that
none of the surrounding states has
taken steps to prohibit the movement
of freight. There was a report that
Florida would put on a commercial
quarantine, but it has not been con-
firmed.

The Marine hospital service has
rented offices in one of the most prom-
inent office buildings, and Surgeon
White will control the detention camps
and the work of his service in the city
therefrom.

The British steamer Ausonia had
arrived here four days out from Bel-
ize, whence the fever is thought to
have first come into New Orleans. Her
arrival will probably put into imme-
diate effect the rules for increased de-
tention of ships from infected ports,
of which there are a number on the
way.

Excitement in Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., July 27.—Chatter
with circulating sensational rumors as
to the existence of yellow fever in
Memphis. O. C. Riser, a South Main
street merchant, I. Detto, a negro
preacher, and Essie Harrison, a ne-
gro, were arrested today by sanitary
officers. The offense is a misdemeanor
under the municipal statutes. The
men claimed they referred to the fe-
ver prevailing in New Orleans.

The president of the board of health
announces that the city was never in
better sanitary condition and the police
have been instructed to arrest and
person spreading libelous reports about
the health of Memphis.

New Police Chief for Chicago.

Chicago, July 27.—Mayor Dunmer
today appointed Captain John M. Col-
lins as chief of police of the city of
Chicago. Collins succeeds Francis
O'Neill, who resigned a few days ago.
The new chief has risen from the
ranks. He was a patrolman in the
first line of police at whom the ad-
ministration of the city was in the